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REGULAR MEETING
of
March 7, 2005
Room 372, Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration

Members Present:

Raoul J. Freeman, Chairman
T. Austin Bordeaux
Ying Tung Chen
Alfred Samulon
Arnold Steinberg

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Raoul Freeman called the meeting to order at 3:39 p.m.

CHAIR'S REPORT

In order to facilitate the presentations on e-government in a timely manner, there will be a special meeting of the ISC on Monday, April 4, 2005. Bob Davis, Project Manager for eCAPS, will be invited to give an update at the May 2, 2005 meeting. The latest project update provided to the Board of Supervisors indicates there are some problems with eCAPS' interfaces with other systems.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of Commissioner Chen, seconded by Commissioner Samulon, and unanimously carried, the Minutes of January 10, 2005 were approved as submitted.

E-GOVERNMENT REVIEW CONTINUED

Isaac Gindi, Department of Public Works, provided the following presentation on the Department's website:

• The Department of Public Works (DPW) provides a broad range of services to the public from road construction, pothole repairs, tree trimming, road signs, traffic signals and flood control.
• Because the Department provides so many different services, on its website, the services are divided into four broad categories – Construction, Roads,

Environmental and Water.

- Under the Construction Services section, the public is able to access information on building permits, contracting, road rehabilitation, download construction manuals, and see tract and parcel recordation data. Additionally, the public may find out if their property lies in a designated flood zone.

- Under the Roads section, DPW has just added detailed information (including photos) about road closures and repairs related to the recent torrential rains. This information is updated continuously. The Department is also working with a consultant on providing real time email notices when roads are closed. There is also information on real time traffic conditions and a program entitled Suggested Route to School, which provides safe walking directions to schools in the unincorporated areas of the County.

- The Water Services section provides information on flood control, drinking water, water conservation, flood zone determination, rainfall information, as well as watershed management provided by the Department.

- The Environmental Services section provides information on waste management, including clean-up and recycling.

Commissioners urged the Department to contact the CAO's Public Information Office to assist them in getting the very useful information on this website widely disseminated to the public. Chairman Freeman suggested that Neighborhood Councils be used for this purpose as well. He also thanked Mr. Gindi for his excellent presentation.

Mike Henry, Director of Personnel, Department of Human Resources (DHR) and Ruben Rivera, DHR, provided the following information on the Department's website:

- One of the main features of the Department's website is public access to job information on 350-400 open competitive exams, covering all County Departments, at any given time.

- The public can also do a job search, apply for jobs on-line, and prepare for employment testing.

- There is also information on employee benefits, class specifications and salary structures, as well as information on the Los Angeles County Training Academy and the various internship programs the County participates in.

Chairman Freeman thanked Mr. Henry and Mr. Rivera for their informative presentation.

Ken Ryozaki, Office of the Assessor, provided the following information on the Department's Website:

- The Assessor's Office has developed the Property Assessment Information Systems which allows the public to view property assessment data for individual parcels, print maps, and search for home sales occurring over the past two years.

- There is a wide variety of forms available on the site in PDF format which can be filled out on-line and then printed and sent to the Assessor. It is also possible to file a personal business property statement on-line with registration to the site.
- There is a section which identifies all the important dates relating to assessments for home owners and apartment and business owners.
- There is information available of a general nature relating to property tax assessments as well as more detailed info in sections on personal property and the property tax guide.

Chairman Freeman thanked Mr. Ryozaki for his presentation and reiterated that it is vital to publicize the availability of this important information to the public.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was none.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next meeting will be Monday, April 4, 2005 in Room 372, the Sybil Brand Office Suite Conference Room. All future ISC meetings will be held in this room.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:25 p.m.